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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/621,096  
For: MONOLITHIC SPUTTERING TARGET ASSEMBLY  
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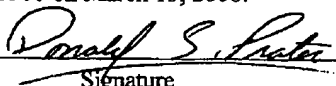
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 13, 2006 (March 12, 2006, was a Sunday).

*Please amend the above-identified application as follows:*

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.